## **Amendments To The Claims**

This Listing Of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

## **Listing of the Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for preparing <del>compounds</del> a compound of formula:

$$X_3C$$
  $O$   $O$   $O$   $R^1$ 

or an enol thereof or a an E or Z isomer thereof,

in which X is in each case independently of one another fluorine, chlorine or bromine, and in which R<sup>1</sup> is alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl, comprising (a) initially converting a compound of formula:

$$X_3$$
COOO

in which X has the stated meaning, by reacting the hydroxyl group of the compound of formula II with a compound of the formula  $(R^2O)_2SO_2$  or with a compound of the formula Y-R<sup>2</sup> in which Y is tosyl, chlorine, bromine or iodine, and in which R<sup>2</sup> is in each case alkyl, cycloalkyl, allyl or benzyl, into a compound of formula:

$$X,C$$
 $O$ 
 $O$ 
 $O$ 
 $O$ 
 $O$ 
 $O$ 
 $O$ 

in which R<sup>2</sup> and X each has the above-mentioned meaning, and (b) converting the compound of

formula III by reaction with a metal alcoholate of the formula  $R^1O^{-\frac{1}{n}}M^{n+}$  in which  $R^1$  has the above-mentioned meaning and  $M^{n+}$  is an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal cation and n=1 or 2, and (c) further treating with a strong acid, into a compound of formula I and/or an enol thereof and/or an E or Z isomer thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A method for preparing an enol ether of the formula:

$$X_3C$$
  $O$   $OR^2$   $O$   $O$   $R^1$ 

or an enol thereof or, in each case, the E or Z isomer thereof, in which X is in each case independently of one another F, Cl or Br, and in which R<sup>1</sup> is alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl, and R<sup>2</sup> is alkyl, cycloalkyl, allyl or benzyl, comprising (a) initially converting a compound of the formula:

$$X_3C$$
 OOO

in which X has the stated meaning, by reaction of the hydroxyl group of the compound of formula II with a compound of the formula  $(R^2O)_2SO_2$  or with a compound of the formula Y-R<sup>2</sup> in which Y is tosyl, chlorine, bromine or iodine, and in which R<sup>2</sup> in each case has the abovementioned meaning, into a compound of the formula:

$$X_3C$$
 OOO

in which  $R^2$  and X each has the above-mentioned meaning, and (b) converting the compound of formula III by reaction with a metal alcoholate of the formula  $R^1O^{-\frac{1}{n}}M^{n+}$  in which  $R^1$  is alkyl,

cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl and  $M^{n+}$  is an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal cation and n = 1 or 2, and (c) optionally further treating with a weak acid into an enol ether of the formula lb and/or an enol thereof.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A compound of formula:

$$X_3C$$
 $O$ 
 $O$ 
 $O$ 
 $O$ 
 $O$ 
 $O$ 
 $O$ 

in which X is in each case independently of one another F, CI or Br, and in which  $R^2$  is alkyl, cycloalkyl, allyl or benzyl, with the exception of the compound of formula III in which X is bromine and  $R^2$  is methyl.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A compound of formula:

$$X_3C$$
  $O$   $O$   $R^1$   $O$   $R^1$ 

or an enol thereof or an E and Z isomer thereof,

in which X is in each case independently of one another fluorine, chlorine or bromine, and in which  $R^1$  is alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl, and in which  $R^2$  is alkyl, cycloalkyl, allyl or benzyl.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method in Claim 2 wherein conversion product of step (b) is further treated, step (c), with the weak acid into the enol ether of formula Ib and/or the enol thereof.

Claim 6 (New): A compound of formula:

$$X,C$$
  $O$   $O$   $O$ 

in which X is in each case independently of one another F or CI, and in which  $R^2$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, allyl and benzyl.

Claim 7 (New): A compound of formula:

$$X_3C$$
  $O$   $O$ 

in which X is in each case independently of one another F or CI, and in which R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl and octyl.

Claim 8 (New): A compound of formula:

$$X_3C$$
 OOO

in which X is in each case independently of one another F or CI, and in which  $R^2$  is selected from the group consisting of ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl,

pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexyl, cyclobetyl, cyclooctyl, and benzyl.

Claim 9 (New): A compound of formula:

in which X is in each case independently of one another F, Cl or Br, and in which R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, and benzyl.

Claim 10 (New): A compound of formula:

$$X_2C$$
  $O$   $O$   $O$ 

in which X is in each case independently of one another F or CI, and in which  $R^2$  is methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohetyl, cyclobetyl, cy